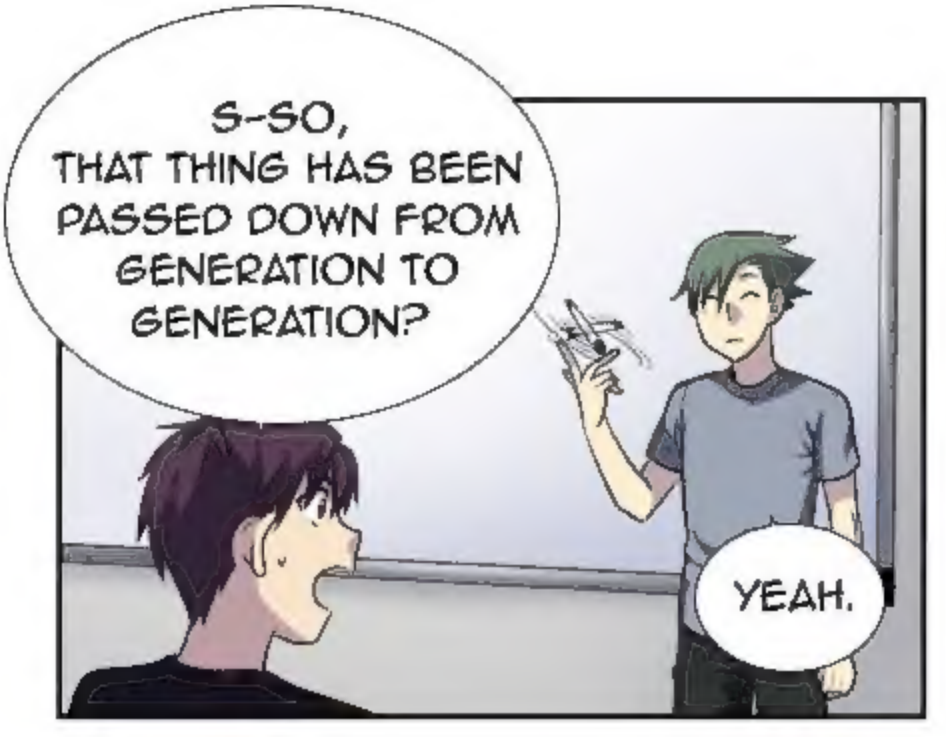
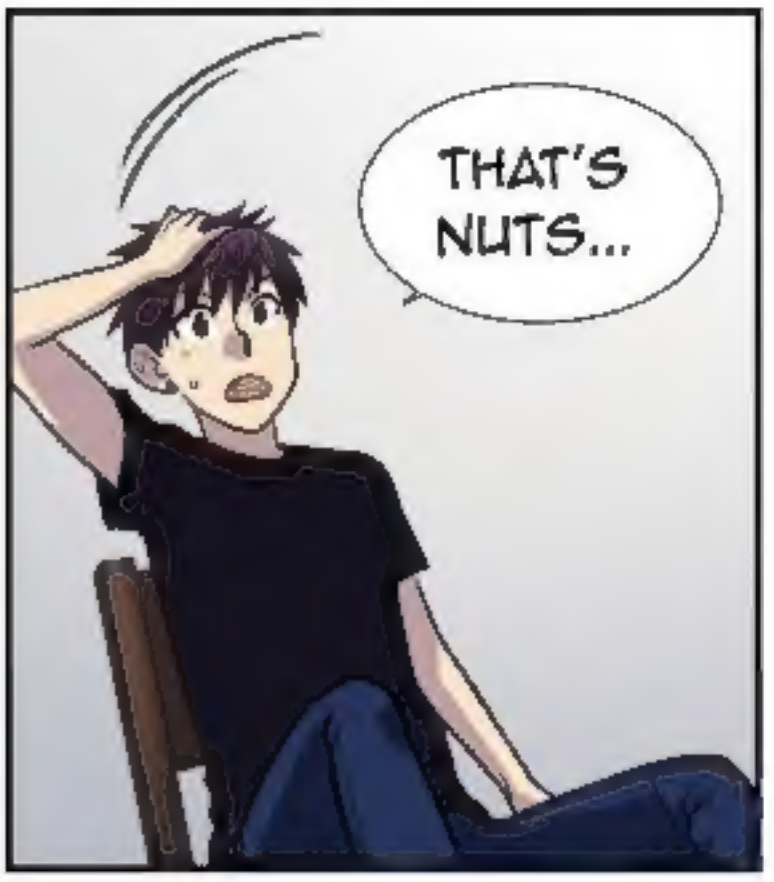
THE GAMER

STORY BY SANGYOUNG SEONG
ILLUST BY SANG-A

<WRAPPING UP AND TRAINING!>



R-REALLY?
YEP, REALLY.

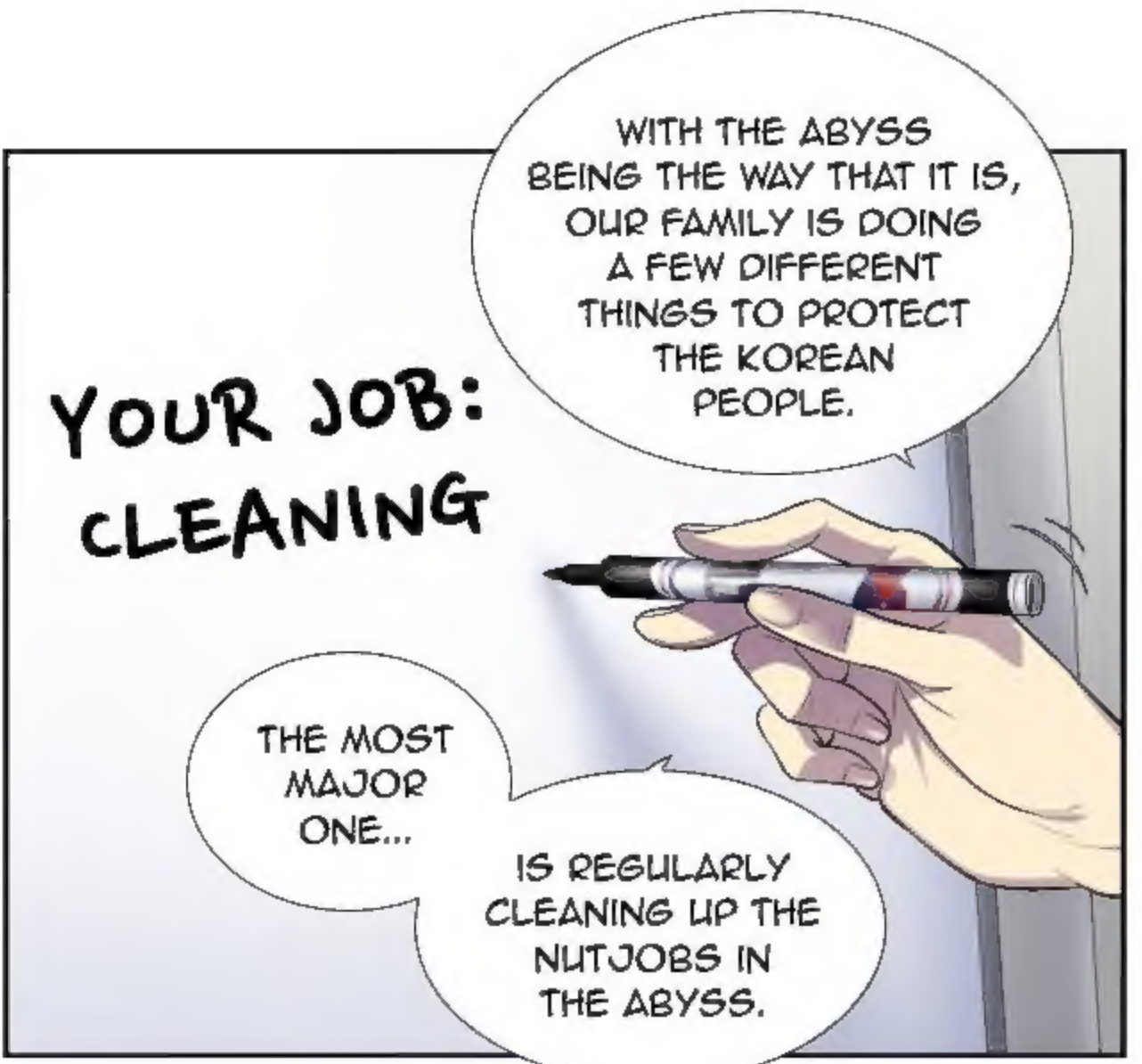

THAT'S NUTS...

SMIRK

IT CAN BE... QUITE A USEFUL ITEM...
BUT IT ALSO HAS SEVERAL RESTRICTIONS.
SO IT'S VERY DIFFICULT TO USE.

OH YEAH?

YEAH.
NOW, TO GET BACK TO WHAT I WAS SAYING...


YOUR JOB: CLEANING
WITH THE ABYSS BEING THE WAY THAT IT IS, OUR FAMILY IS DOING A FEW DIFFERENT THINGS TO PROTECT THE KOREAN PEOPLE.
THE MOST MAJOR ONE...
IS REGULARLY CLEANING UP THE NUTJOBS IN THE ABYSS.

DO YOU CATCH BAD GUYS LIKE IN THE MOVIES?

CORRECT. BUT THESE BAD GUYS ARE COMPLETELY DIFFERENT FROM THE ONES IN MOVIES.
THE PLACE IS FULL OF PSYCHOTIC MURDERERS.

UM... I JUST WANT TO CLARIFY, WHEN YOU SAY "CLEANING..."

WE KILL THEM.
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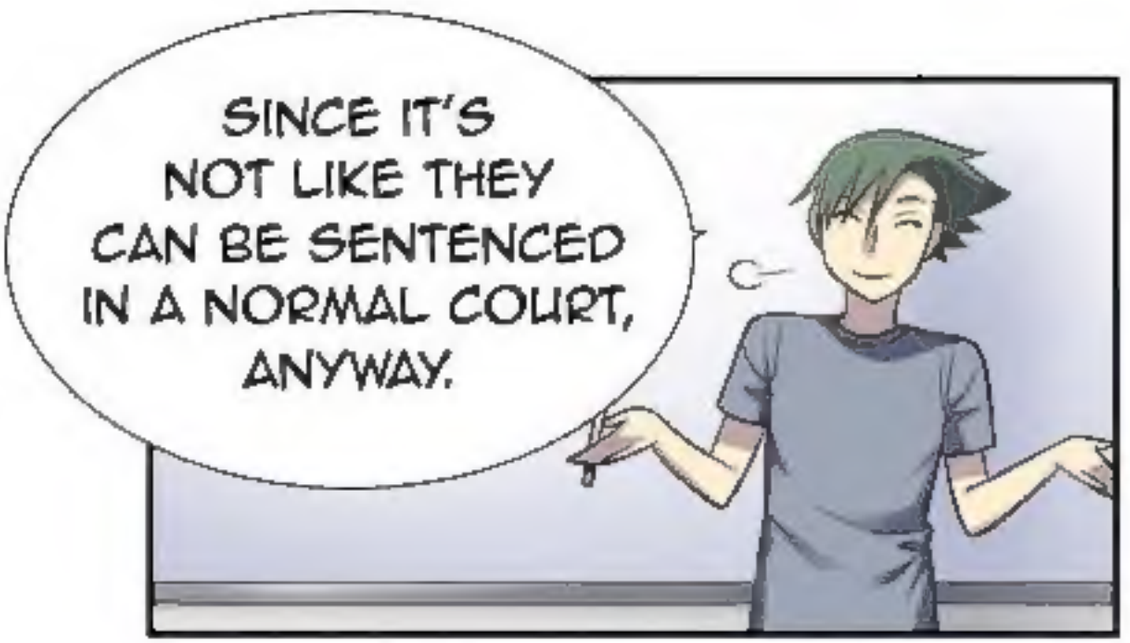
BUT WE CAN'T NOT DO IT. THERE ARE TOO MANY VICTIMS.

I-IS THAT SO...?


SINCE IT'S NOT LIKE THEY CAN BE SENTENCED IN A NORMAL COURT, ANYWAY.

THE POLICE CAN'T CATCH ANYONE WHO KNOWS HOW TO USE EVEN A BIT OF MAGIC.

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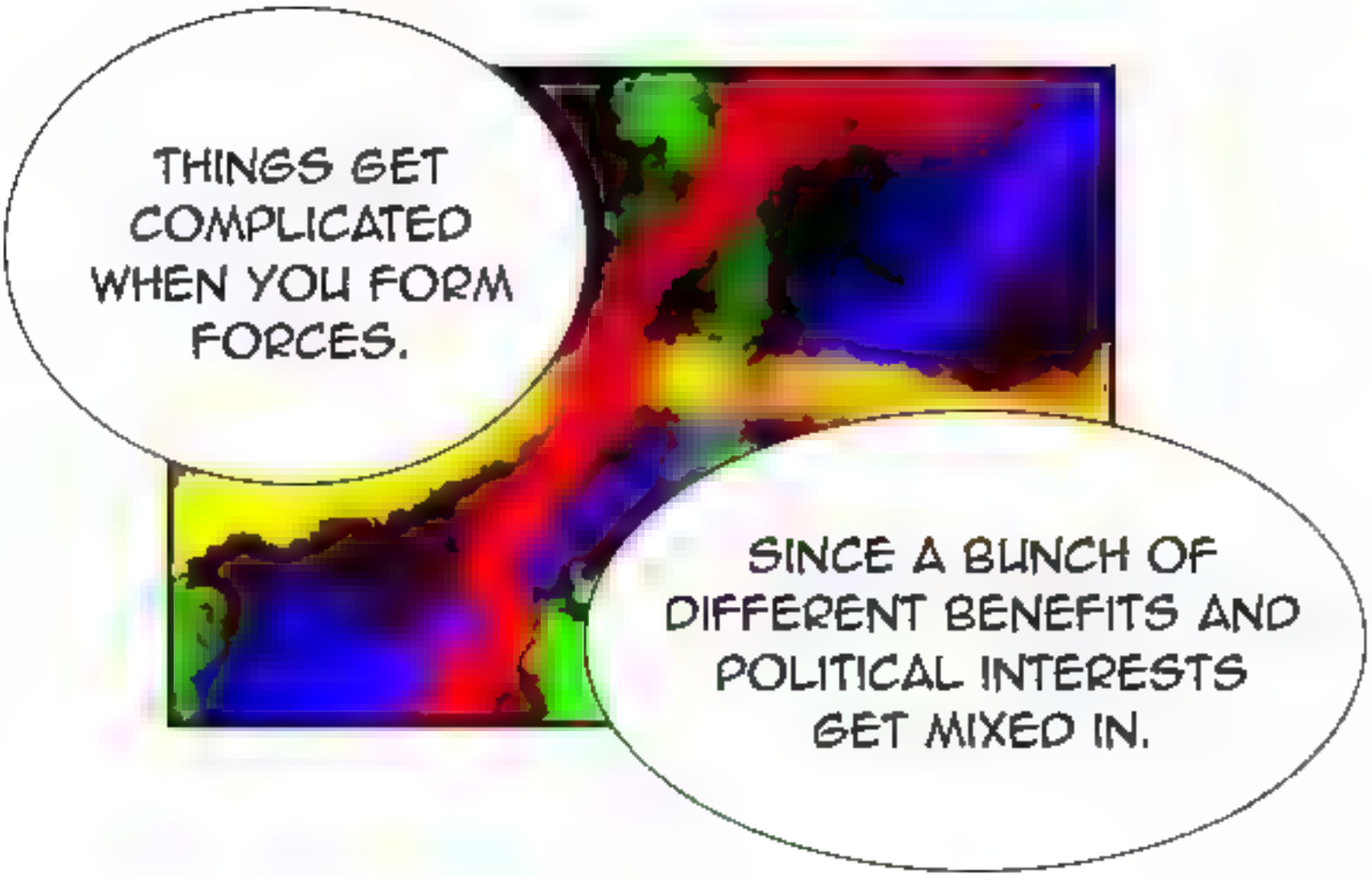
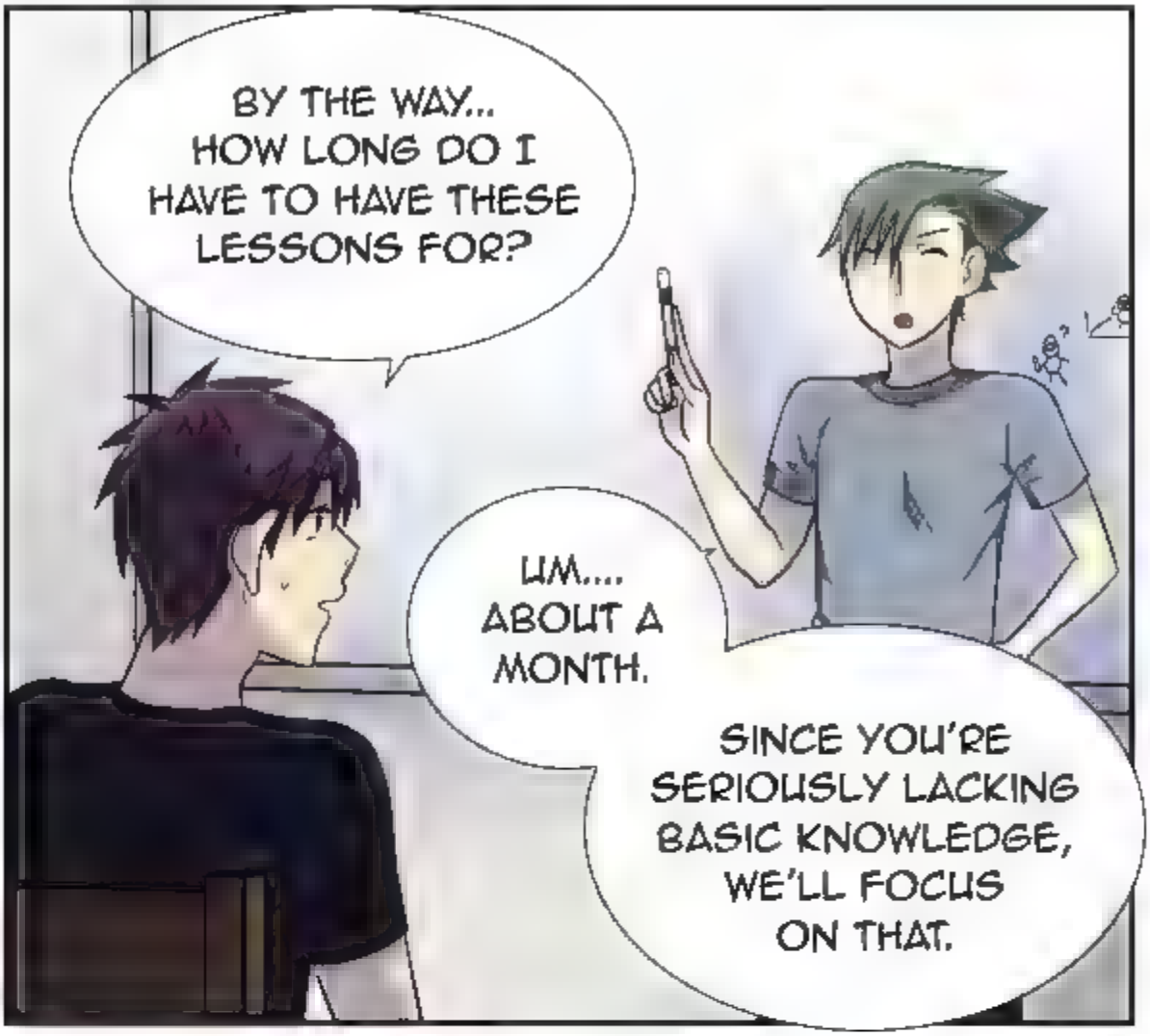
HOW COULD THEY CATCH A GUY WHO'S HIDING IN AN ILLUSION BARRIER?

SO... MY FAMILY ACTS AS A KIND OF DEFENDER OF PUBLIC ORDER.

WHAT ABOUT DAN UI GUILD?
THEY BASICALLY DO THE SAME THING...
BUT THE PROBLEM IS THAT THERE'S NO WAY TO TAKE CARE OF ALL OF KOREA.

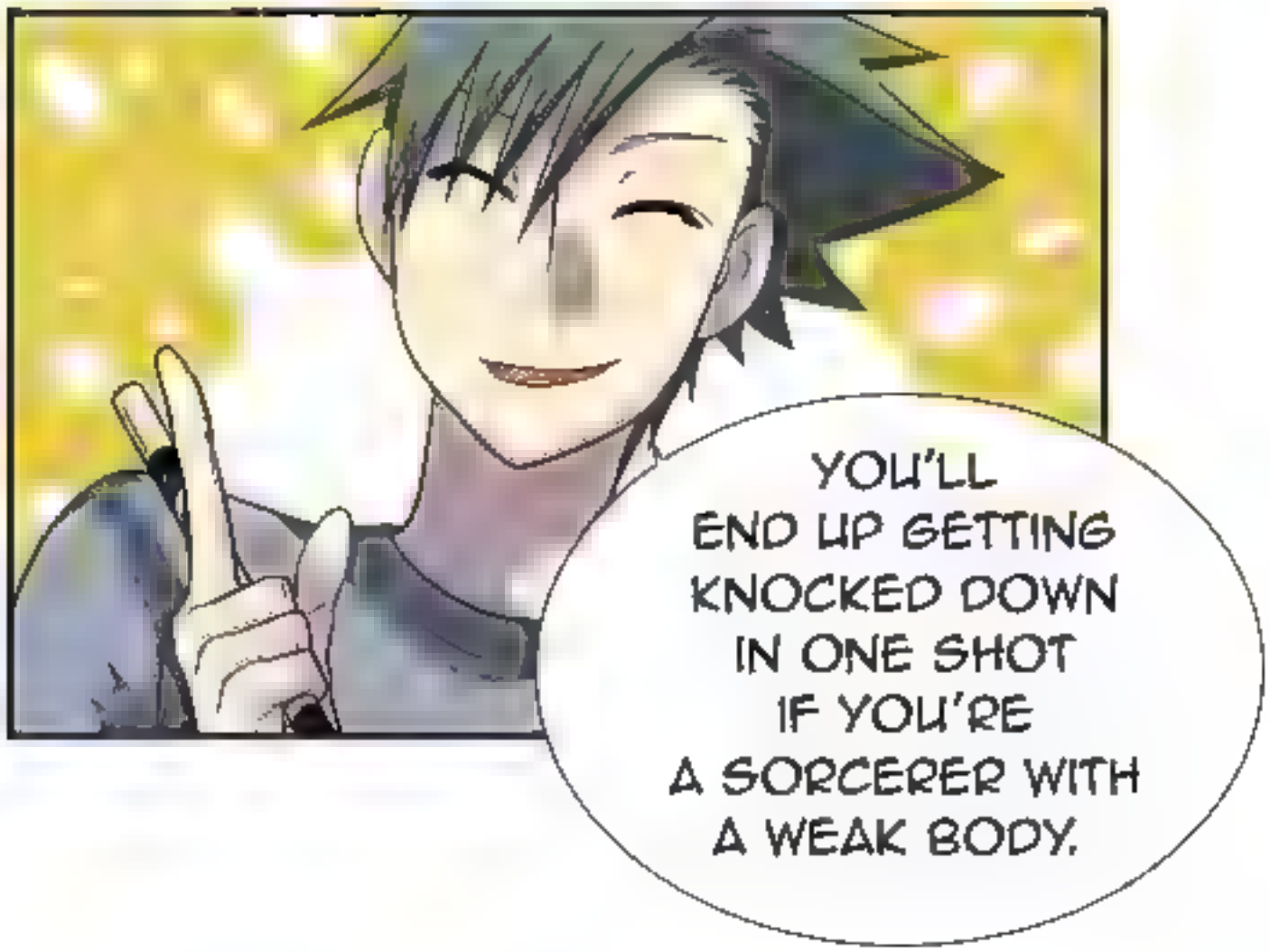
IT'S LIKE EXTERMINATING INSECTS.
YOU CAN GET RID OF THEM REGULARLY, BUT THEY KEEP COMING BACK.
PLUS THERE ARE ALL KINDS OF POLITICAL SITUATIONS MIXED IN.
IT SEEMS PRETTY COMPLICATED....


THINGS GET COMPLICATED WHEN YOU FORM FORCES.
SINCE A BUNCH OF DIFFERENT BENEFITS AND POLITICAL INTERESTS GET MIXED IN.


BY THE WAY... HOW LONG DO I HAVE TO HAVE THESE LESSONS FOR?
UM.... ABOUT A MONTH.
SINCE YOU'RE SERIOUSLY LACKING BASIC KNOWLEDGE, WE'LL FOCUS ON THAT.

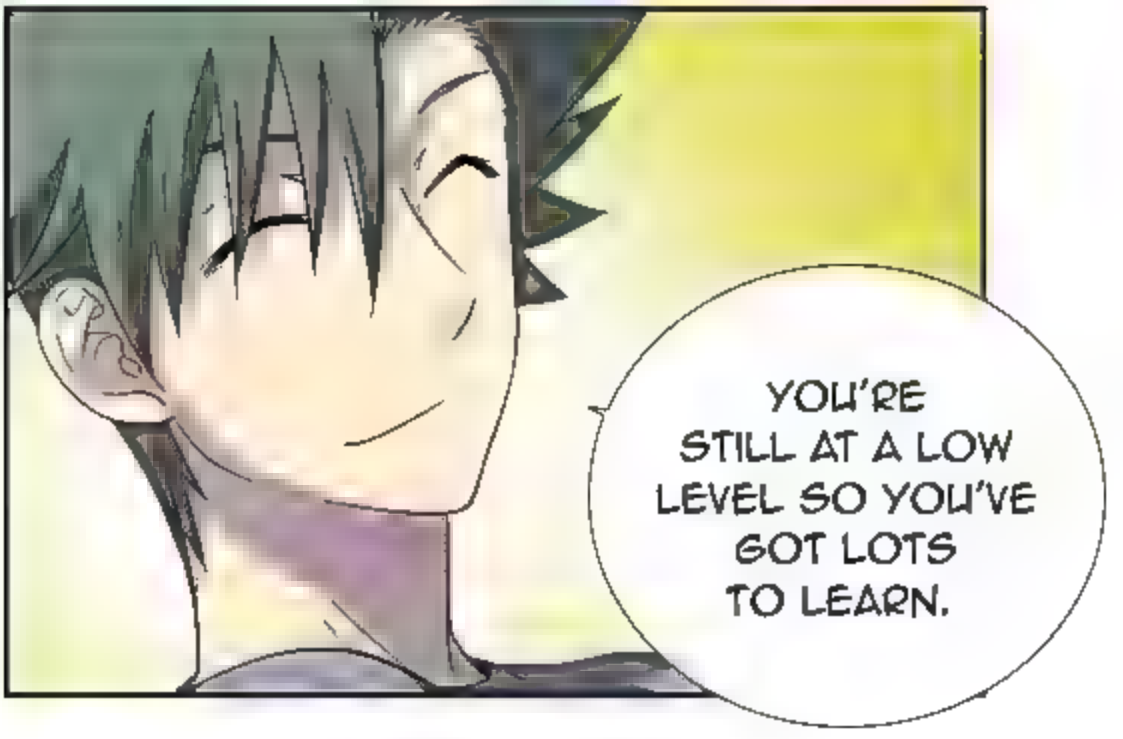
THEN YOU'LL CONTINUE YOUR SWORDSMANSHIP TRAINING WITH SEYOUNG.
UGH... THAT'LL BE TOUGH.

IT'S BEST TO BE READY FOR CLOSE COMBAT.


YOU'LL END UP GETTING KNOCKED DOWN IN ONE SHOT IF YOU'RE A SORCERER WITH A WEAK BODY.

HMPH...

JUST TRY YOUR BEST.
TAP
NOW THAT YOU'RE IN THE ABYSS... ALL YOU CAN DO TO SURVIVE IS IMPROVE YOUR SKILLS.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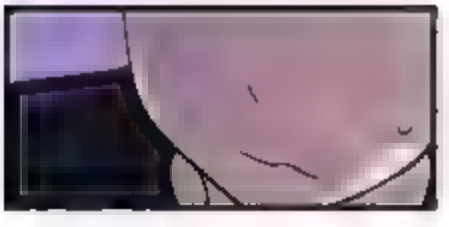
YOU'RE STILL AT A LOW LEVEL SO YOU'VE GOT LOTS TO LEARN.



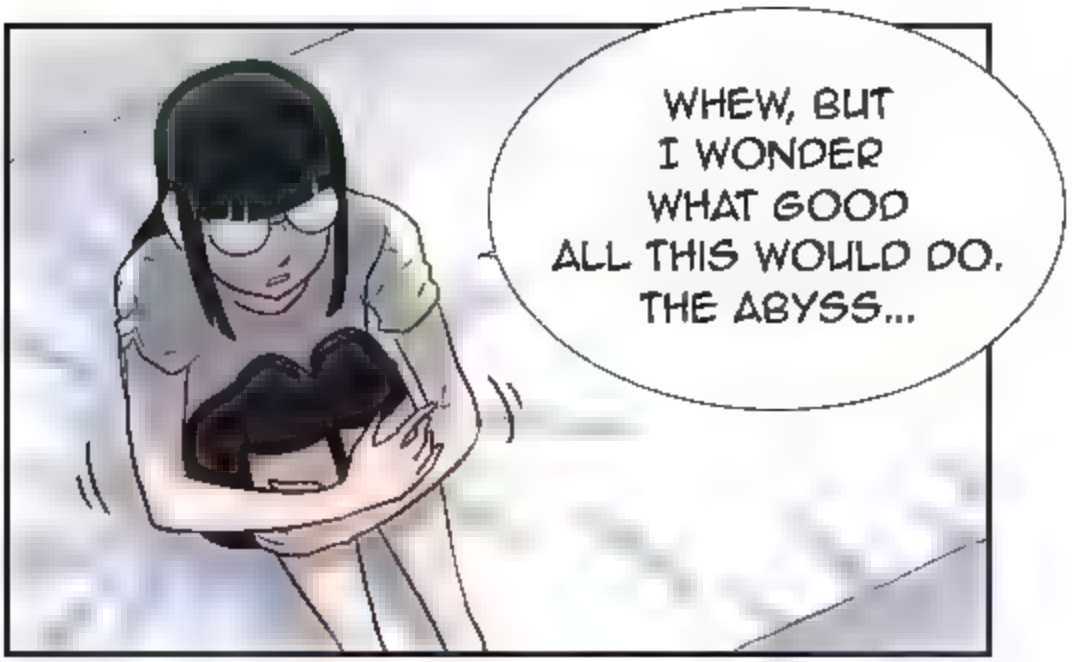
THANK YOU.

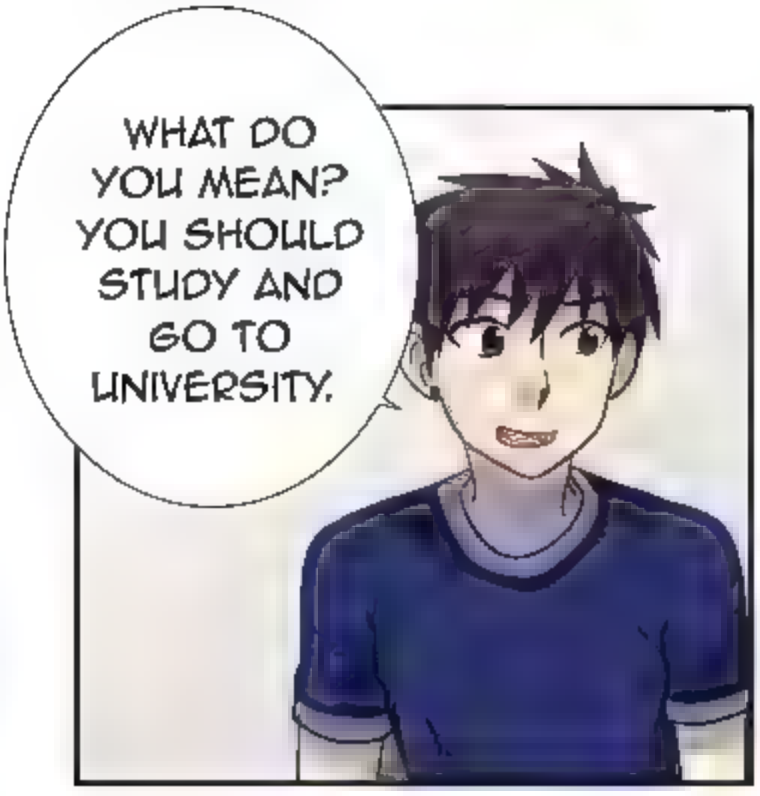
THE GAMER

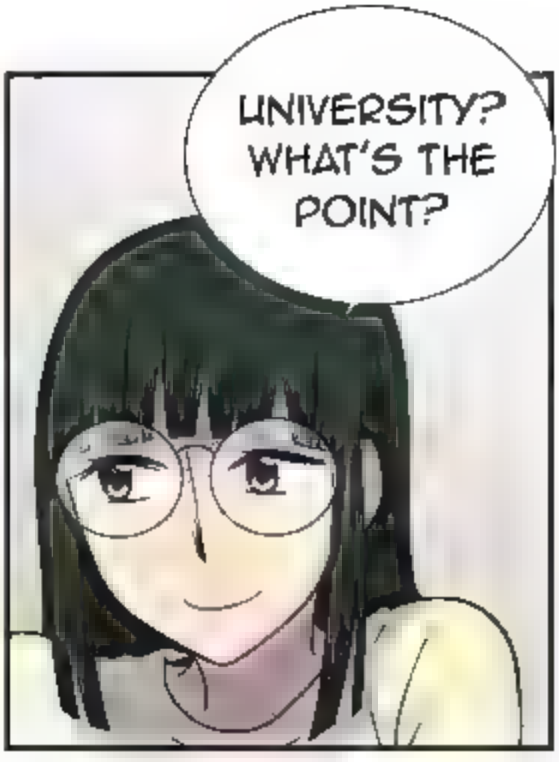
I-I'M SO SURPRISED THAT SEONIL'S FAMILY IS INVOLVED IN THE ABYSS TOO.

I WAS SURPRISED TOO. I NEVER THOUGHT HE WOULD BE HIDING A SECRET LIKE THIS.
YOU AND SEONIL ARE CLOSE, AREN'T YOU?
THAT'S WHAT MADE IT EVEN MORE SHOCKING.
I DON'T BLAME YOU.

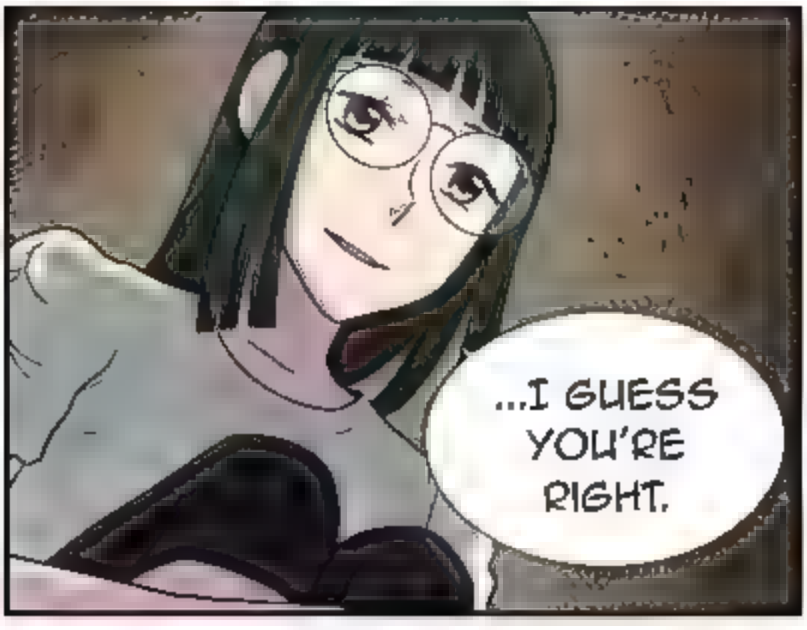
THIS WON'T GET IN THE WAY OF YOUR LIFE, WILL IT?
NOPE. I'M STILL STUDYING...


WHEW, BUT I WONDER WHAT GOOD ALL THIS WOULD DO. THE ABYSS...


WHAT DO YOU MEAN? YOU SHOULD STUDY AND GO TO UNIVERSITY.


UNIVERSITY? WHAT'S THE POINT?

I TOLD YOU. UNLESS YOU WANT TO LIVE A LIFE OF SPILLING BLOOD, GO TO UNIVERSITY.

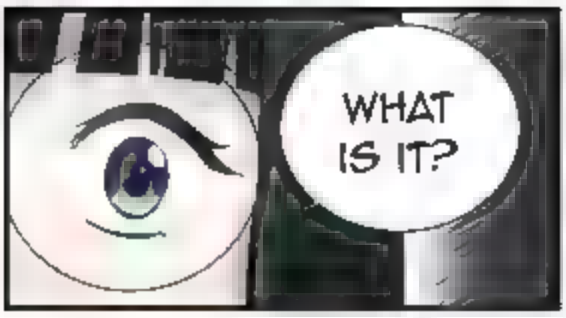

...I GUESS YOU'RE RIGHT.

WHEW...

DO YOU KNOW WHY PEOPLE GET OBSESSED WITH GAMES?

BECAUSE IT'S FUN, ISN'T IT?

THE FUN PART IS OBVIOUS...
BUT THERE'S AN EVEN MORE FUNDAMENTAL REASON.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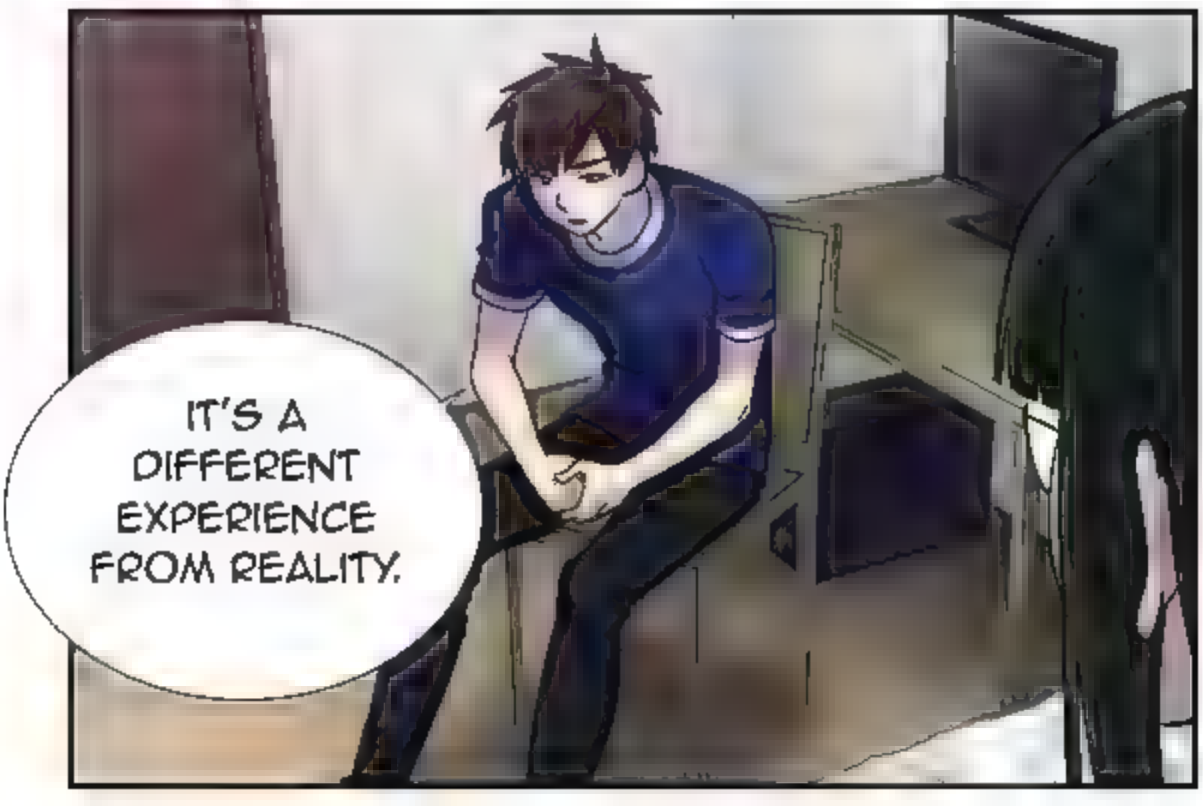
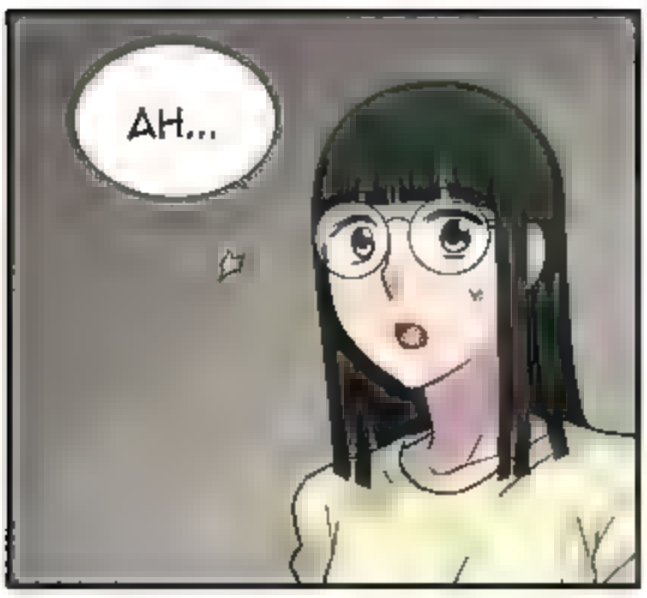

IT'S A DIFFERENT EXPERIENCE FROM REALITY.

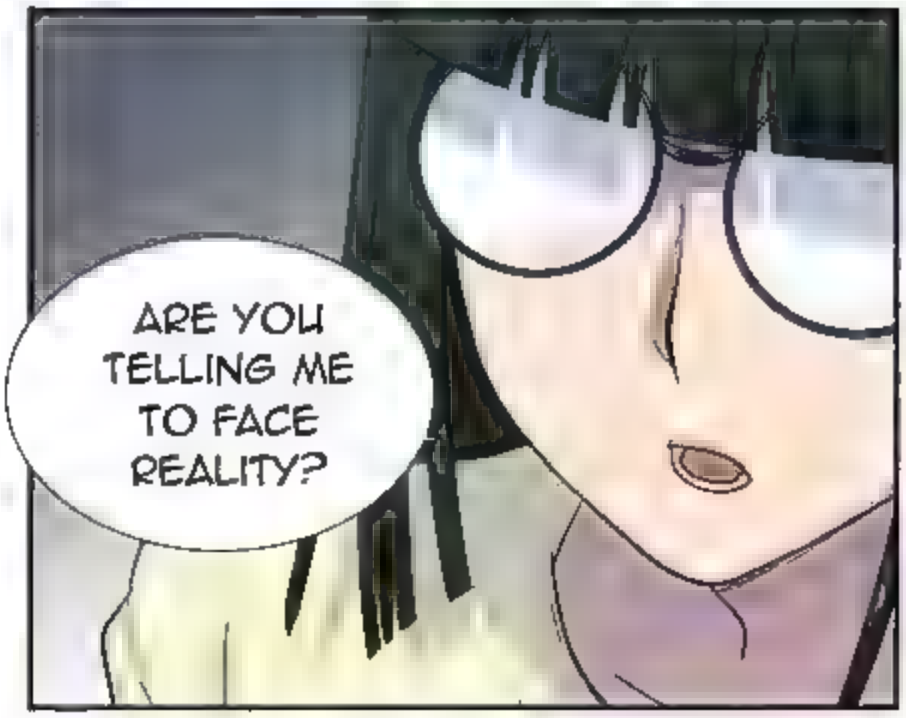

AH...

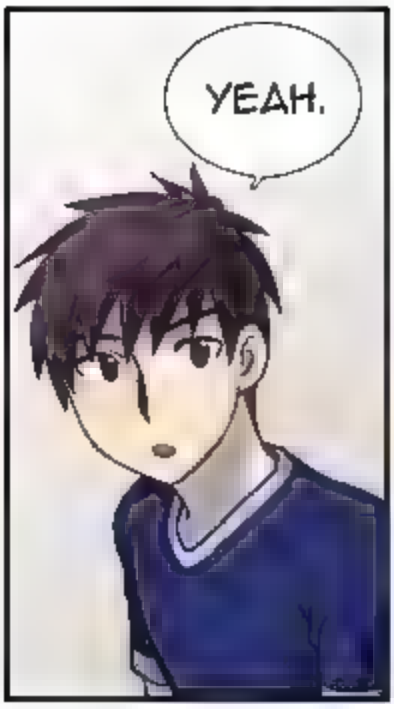
PEOPLE LIKE FIGHTING.
KGGGSH
OR MAKING SOMETHING,
OR DOING SOMETHING SPECIAL.
GAMES ALLOW YOU TO INDIRECTLY EXPERIENCE THAT.
THAT'S WHY THEY'RE POPULAR.

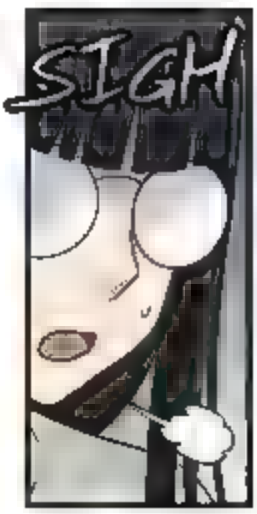
THE SAME APPLIES TO YOU.
YOU'RE DRAWN TO IT BECAUSE YOU'RE NEW TO THE ABYSS.

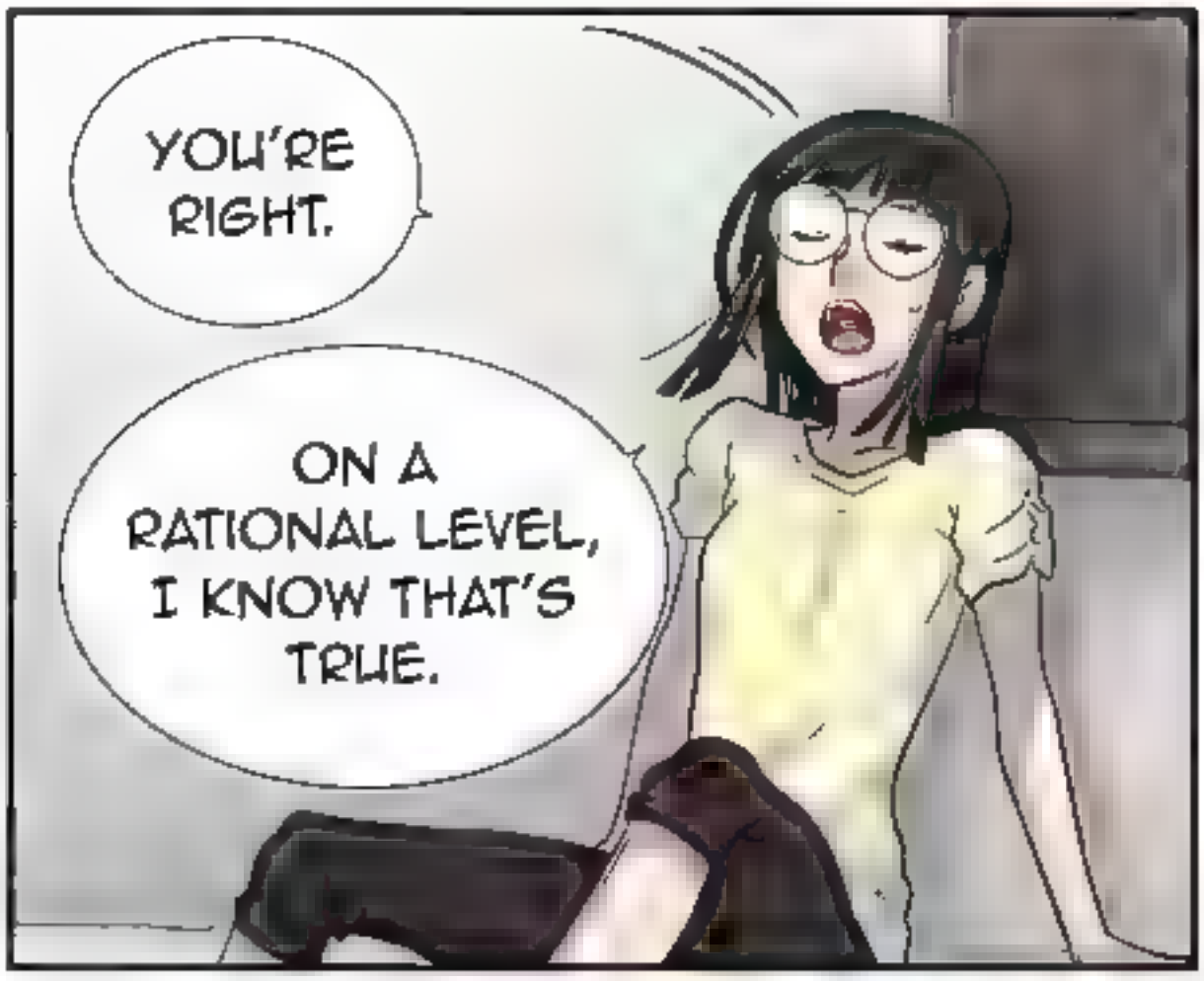
GAMES ARE LIKE THAT TOO.

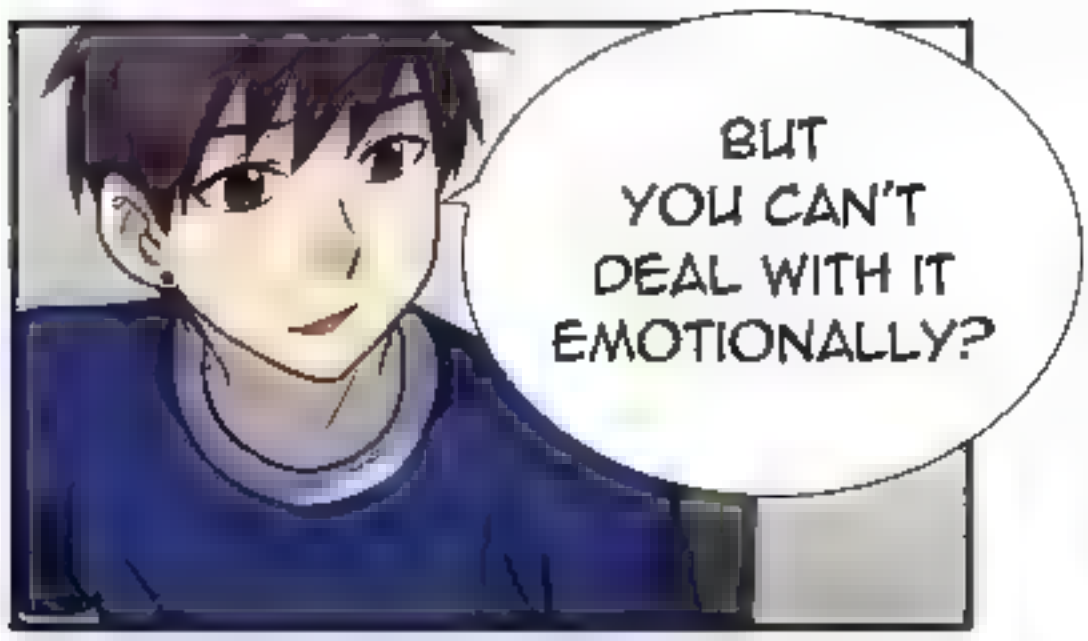
A LOT OF PEOPLE ARE ATTRACTED TO GAMES,
BUT THAT DOESN'T MEAN THAT EVERYONE BECOMES PRO-GAMERS OR PROGRAMMERS, RIGHT?


ARE YOU TELLING ME TO FACE REALITY?


YEAH.


SIGH


YOU'RE RIGHT.
ON A RATIONAL LEVEL, I KNOW THAT'S TRUE.


BUT YOU CAN'T DEAL WITH IT EMOTIONALLY?

SIGH

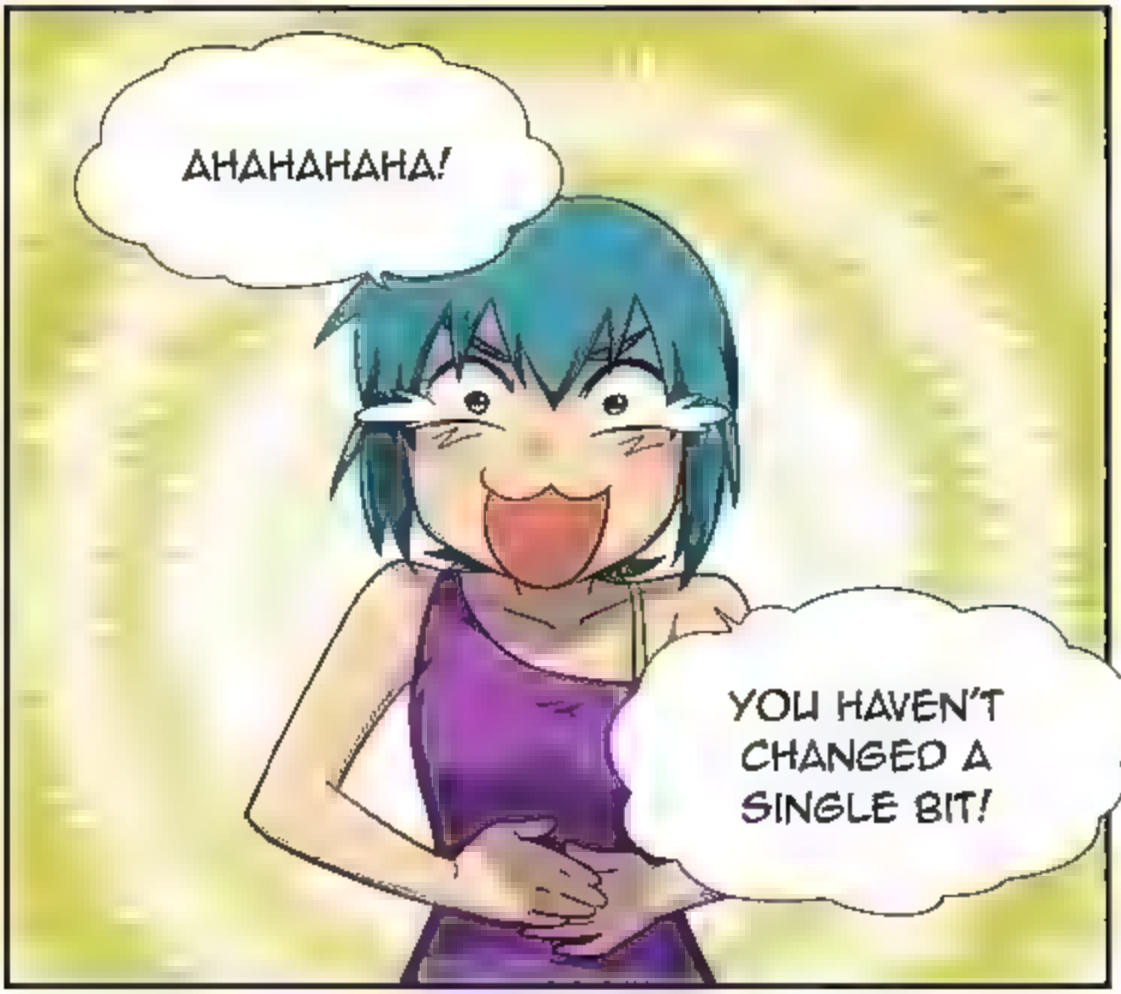
STILL, YOU HAVE TO CLEAR UP YOUR MIND.
DON'T GET INVOLVED IN SOMETHING DANGEROUS FOR NOTHING.

WHAT ABOUT YOU?

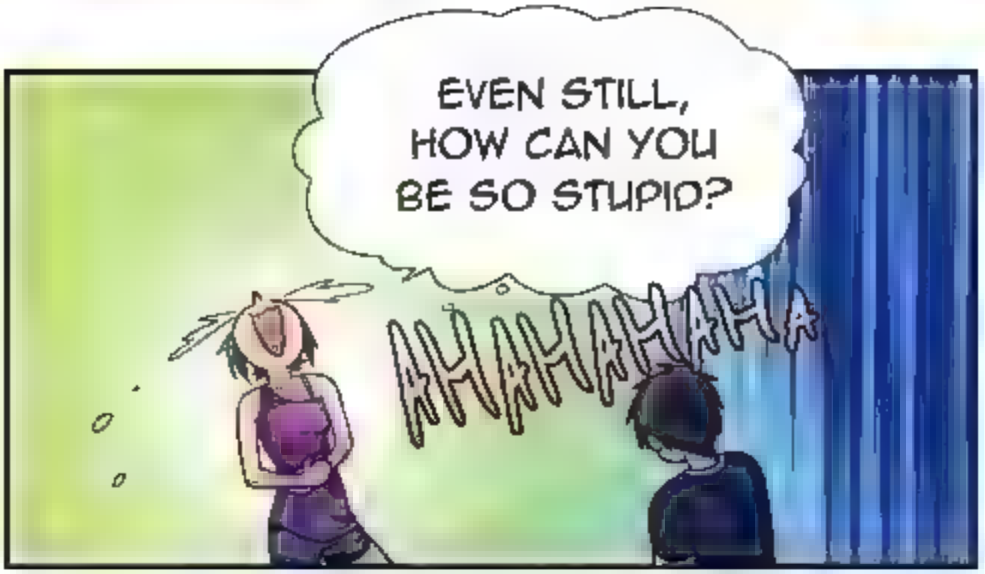
ME?
NOD

I KNOW THIS SOUNDS KIND OF WEIRD...

BUT I'M KINDA BROKEN IN HERE.


AHAHAHAHA!
YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED A SINGLE BIT!

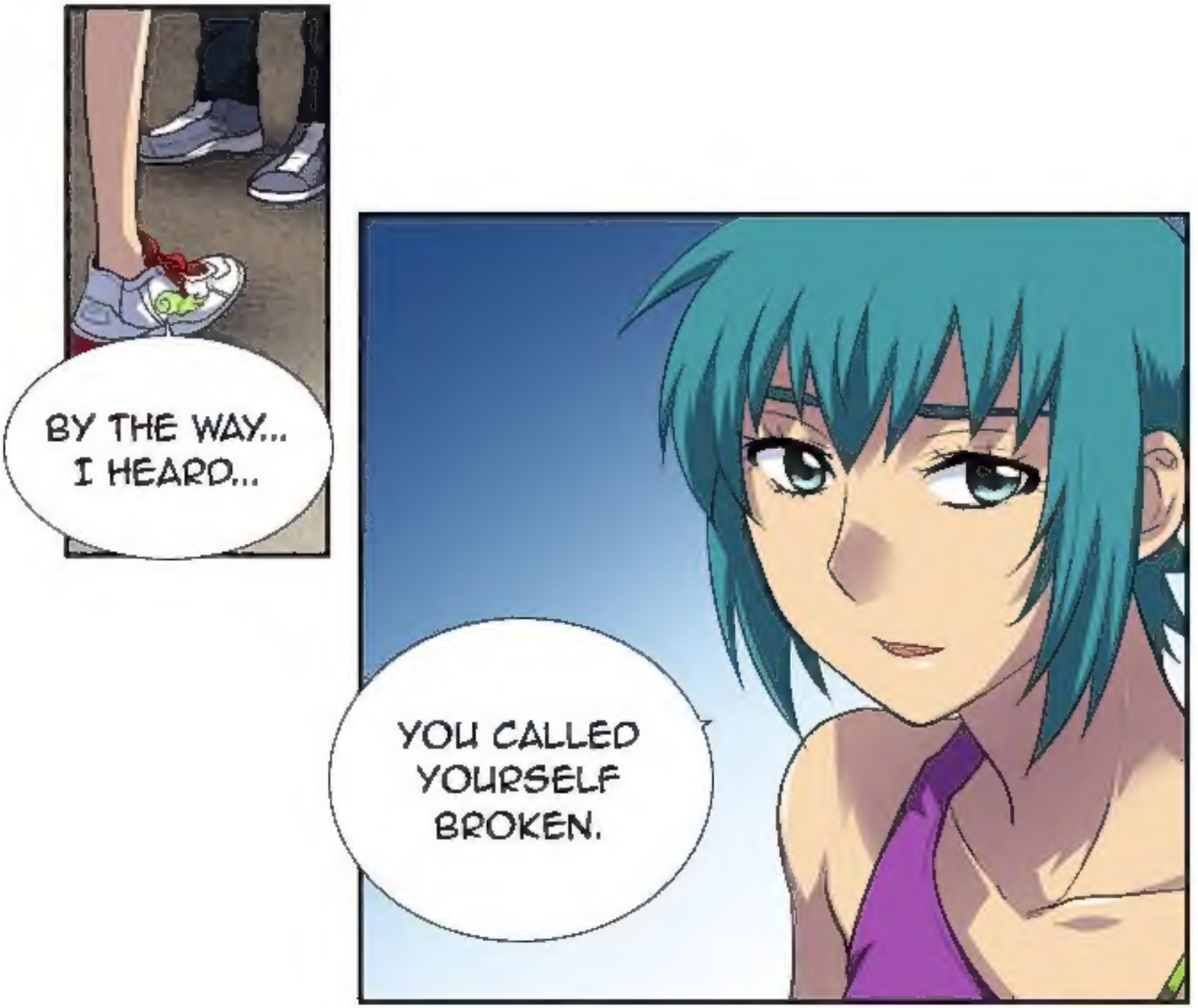
I DON'T THINK PEOPLE SHOULD CHANGE SO EASILY....

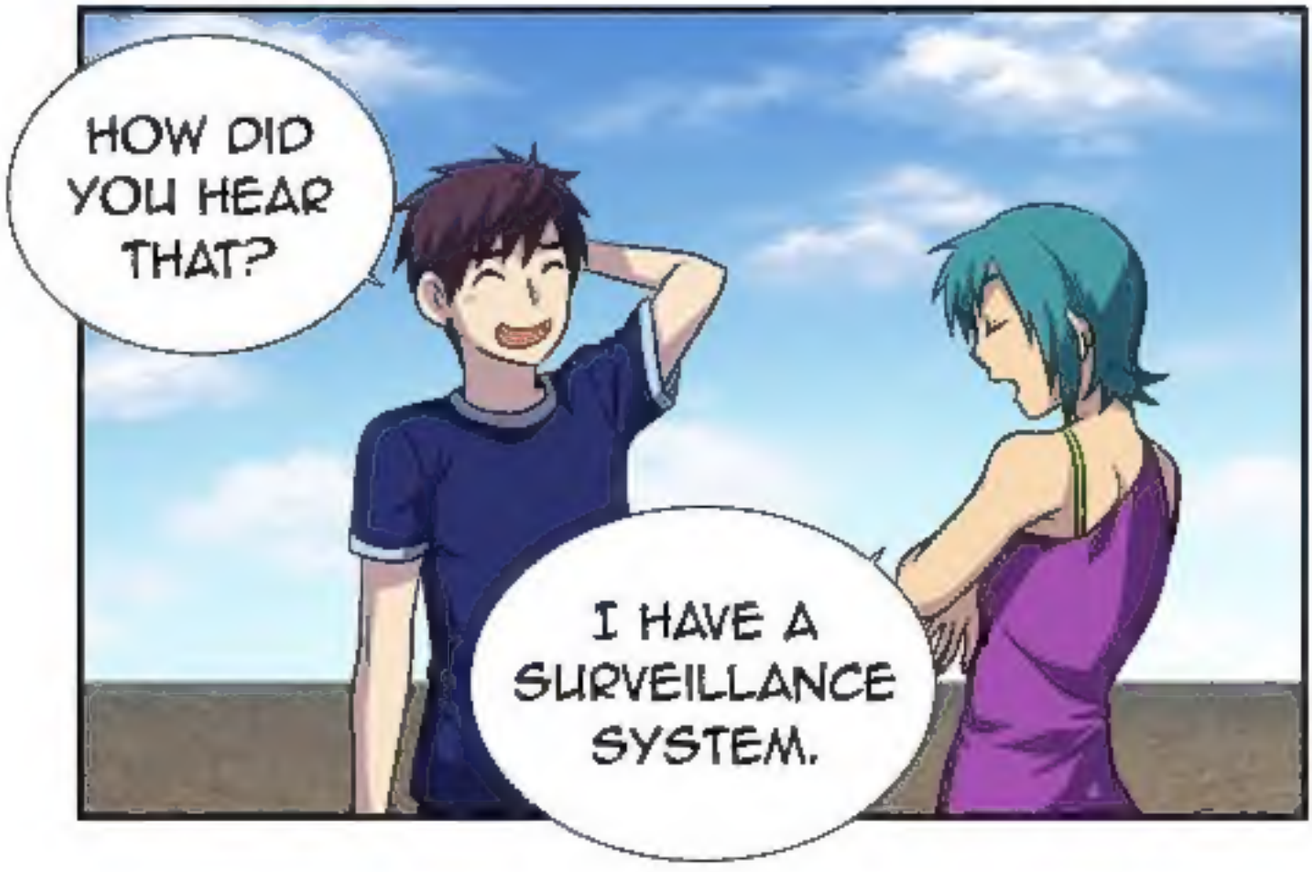

EVEN STILL, HOW CAN YOU BE SO STUPID?
AHAHAHAHA

ANYWAY, WELCOME TO THE FAMILY.
JIHAN THE MINION!

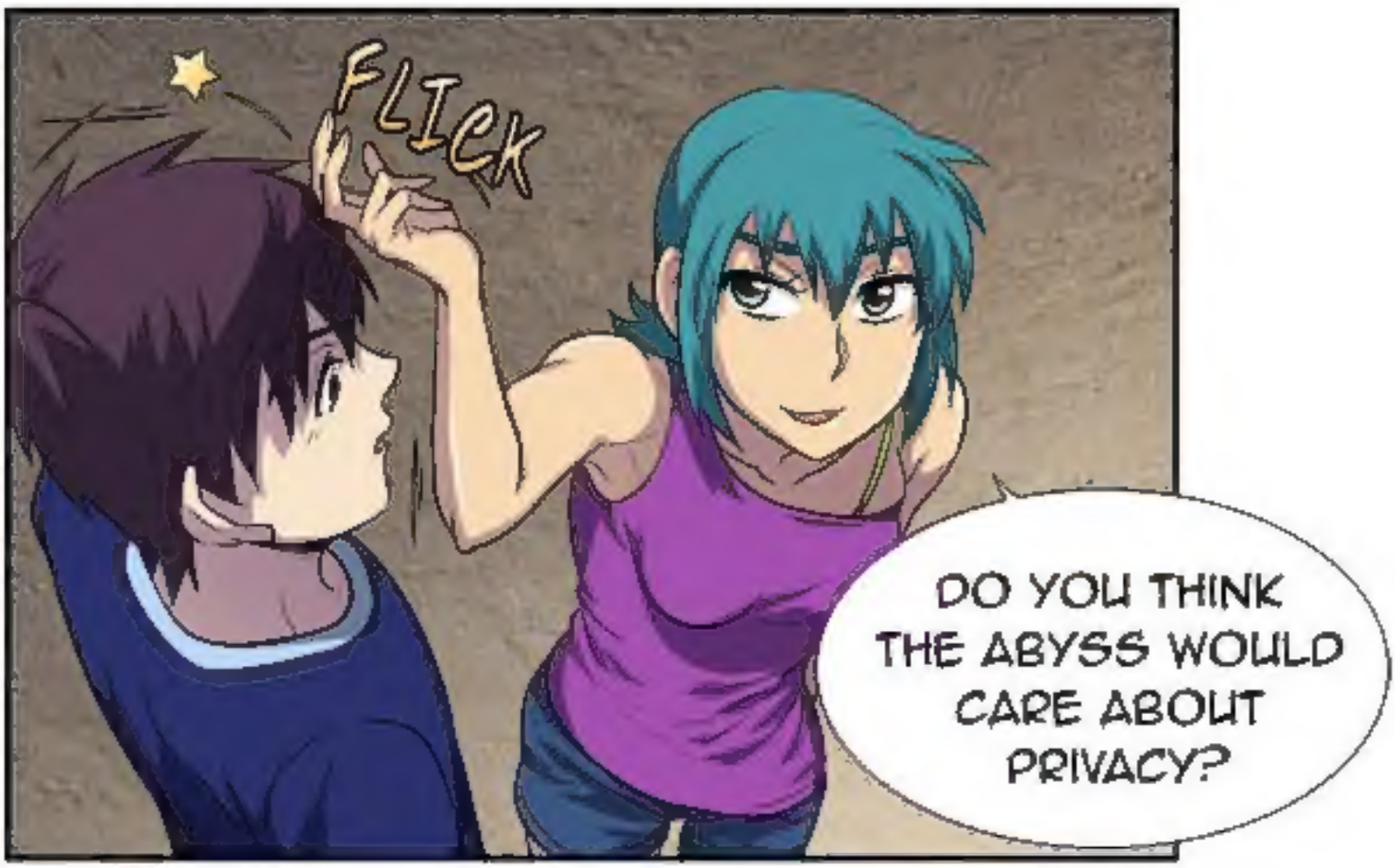
LEAVE OUT THE "MINION" PART!

BUT I HEARD YOU WERE DUBBED AS "MINION AT CHEON BU CLAN."
SEONIL! HE MUST'VE BLABBED!


BY THE WAY...
I HEARD...
YOU CALLED YOURSELF BROKEN.


HOW DID YOU HEAR THAT?
I HAVE A SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM.

AGH. THAT'S A VIOLATION OF PRIVACY!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DO YOU THINK THE ABYSS WOULD CARE ABOUT PRIVACY?

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